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| Application Number | 09/900,237 |
| Filing Date | July 06, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Stephen M. Allen |
| Art Unit | 1638 |
| Examiner Name | Phuong T. Bui |
| Attorney Docket Number | BB1170 USCIP |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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| for FY 2 | | Filing Date | July 06, 2001 | | | | |
| Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are sub | | First Named Inventor | Stephen M. Allen | | | | |
| | | Examiner Name | Phuong T. Bui | | | | |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | | Art Unit | 1638 | | | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | (\$) 770.00 | Attorney Docket No. | BB1170 USCIP | | | | |

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| Account 04-1928 | 1051 | 130 | 2051 | (\$) 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | Fee Paid | |
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| The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply) | 1053 | 130 | 1053 | | Non-English specification | | |
| Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments | 1812 | | 1812 | • | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | | |
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| FEE CALCULATION | 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | |
| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | | |
| Large Entity Small Entity | 1253 | 950 | 2253 | | Extension for reply within third month | | |
| Fee Fee Fee Fee Paid Code (\$) Code (\$) | 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | |
| 1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee | 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | |
| 1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee | 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | | |
| 1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee | 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | |
| 1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee | 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | | |
| 1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee | 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00 | 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | |
| | 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | <u>i</u> | |
| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE | 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | | |
| Extra Claims below Fee Paid | 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | | |
| Total Claims | 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | | |
| Claims _ L 3** = L | 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | |
| Multiple Dependent YES 290.00 = | 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 7 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | | |
| Large Entity Small Entity | 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | | |
| Fee Fee Fee <u>Fee Description</u> Code (\$) | 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 1 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | | |
| 1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 | 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection | | |
| 1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3 | | | | | (37 ČFR 1.129(a)) | | |
| 1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | | |
| 1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 770.00 | |
| 1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | | |
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